

Serial No. 09/893,598
Docket No. 01USFP644-M.K.

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 CFR §1.116, since no new claims or issues are raised and the only claim amendments place those claims indicated as allowable into condition for allowance. It is noted, however, that the new rejection for the configuration shown in Figure 7A/7C of Yamaguchi fails to meet the initial burden of a *prima facie* rejection, since, although it shows a single phase clock, it fails to show a single input line, as required by the plain meaning of the claim language.

Claims 6-14, 18, 19, and 22 are presently pending in this application. Applicant has decided to cancel the rejected claims in order to expedite prosecution, but, as noted above, the new rejection is deficient for the canceled independent claims.

It is noted that Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Claims 11-14 and 22 are allowed. The Examiner has previously indicated that claims 6-9, 18, and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format, and these claims are accordingly rewritten in order to expedite prosecution.

Claims 1, 2, and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by US Patent 4,672,647 to Yamaguchi, and claim 10 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Yamaguchi. Claims 3-5 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Yamaguchi, further in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) and claims 15-17 and 20 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over AAPA, further in view of Yamaguchi.

Cancellation of these claims renders these rejections moot.

FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 6-14, 18, 19, and 22, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

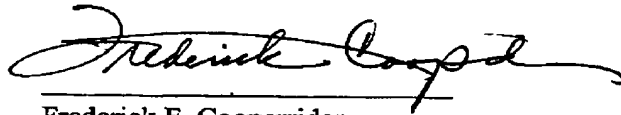
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Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (571) 273-8300 this Amendment under 37 CFR §1.116 to Examiner K. Xiao on October 2, 2006.



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